



## Media Release

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### **Arkansas Volunteer Communities of the Year Announced**

Twelve communities have been selected to receive the 2008 Arkansas Volunteer Community of the Year Award. Chosen to receive recognition for their volunteer efforts were: Bay, Bella Vista, Bryant, Clarkridge, Clarksville, Crossett, El Dorado, Fort Smith, Heber Springs, Marked Tree, Maumelle, and Van Buren.

First-time recipients of the award are Bay, Bella Vista and Marked Tree. Recipients of the award from previous years are: Bryant, Clarkridge, Clarksville, Crossett, El Dorado, Fort Smith, Heber Springs, Maumelle, and Van Buren.

The award presentations will take place at the Arkansas Municipal Leagues' Winter Conference, which will be held January 14-16, 2009, in Little Rock. A panel of citizens from across the state served on the selection committee.

The Arkansas Volunteer Community of the Year Awards is sponsored by the Governor's Office, the Arkansas Municipal League and the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Volunteerism. The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department provides signs announcing the Volunteer Community of the Year designation. The signs are placed at prominent locations along highways of the winning cities.

The Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Volunteerism promotes and supports volunteerism in the private, nonprofit and governmental sectors as a means of enhancing the quality of life for all Arkansans. Training and technical assistance for volunteer program management are available by calling (501) 682-7540 or (toll free) 1-800-482-5850 ext 27540.

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